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PSC TO HOLD LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS IN ST. LOUIS IN LACLEDE GAS COMPANY RATE CASE

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold two local public hearings in **St. Louis**, Missouri to receive customer comment on a natural gas rate case filed by Laclede Gas Company. These local public hearings will also give customers an opportunity to bring any service related problems to the Commission's attention. The **St. Louis** local public hearing schedule appears below:

May 24, 2007 Auditorium Wohl Community Center 1515 North Kingshighway 5:30 pm* May 29, 2007 Century Room Millennium Student Center University of Missouri-St. Louis One University Boulevard 5:30 pm*

*Informal question and answer session begins. The local public hearing starts approximately 30 minutes later and will conclude when the last witness has testified.

Consumers unable to attend these local public hearings and wish to make written comments may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857, e-mail opcservice@ded.mo.gov or the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 800-392-4211, e-mail pscinfo@psc.mo.gov

These local public hearings will be held in buildings that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearings.

The Commission will also hold local public hearings in Poplar Bluff (May 22), Farmington (May 22), Union (May 23) and Clayton (May 30). Formal evidentiary hearings will be held in the Commission's offices in Jefferson City (Governor Office Building) July 30-August 10, 2007.

On December 1, 2006, Laclede Gas Company filed a rate request with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking a net annual increase of approximately \$52.9 million. According to Laclede, the proposed increase would be approximately \$6.50 a month for the typical residential customer.

Laclede Gas Company serves approximately 633,800 natural gas customers in the City of St. Louis as well as the Missouri counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Butler, Iron, Franklin, Jefferson, Madison, St. Francois and Ste. Genevieve.